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SUBJ: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING

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1. CARACAS NEWSPAPERS MARCH 16 REPORT MESSAGE GIVEN TO PRESS DATED MARCH 15 FROM "THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NIEHOUS FAMILY AND EXECUTIVES OF OWENS-ILLINOIS" STATING THAT "VERY LATE LAST NIGHT AUTHORITIES INTERCEPTED A MESSAGE FROM THE KIDNAPPERS OF BILL NIEHOUS. THE PERSONS INFORMED DID NOT OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SAID MESSAGE. THE KIDNAPPERS IDENTIFIED THEIR MESSAGE AS NO. 6, INCLUDING VARIOUS TELEPHONE CALLS, BUT SINCE MANY FALSE TELEPHONE CALLS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, THE FAMILY AND OWENS ARE VERY WORRIED AND REQUIRE A SYSTEM OR MEANS OF BEING ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE REAL CALLS. IN THIS MESSAGE REFERENCE IS MADE TO ANOTHER NO.5 IN WHICH SEVERAL REQUESTS WERE MADE AND A PERIOD OF 120 DAYS WAS FIXED FROM THE DATE GIVEN IN IT. NEITHER THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, THE NIEHOUS FAMILY NOR THE REPRESENTATIVES OF OWENS HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THIS FIFTH MESSAGE. THEREFORE THEY ASK IT BE REPEATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT ITS CONDITIONS CAN BE PROCESSED."

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2. PRESS ALSO PROMINENTLY REPORTS STATEMENTS MADE TO THE

PRESS MARCH 15 BY NATIONAL CONGRESS PRESIDENT GONZALO BARRIOS
THAT "THE CONGRESS CANNOT PAY ATTENTION ANONYMOUS PERSONS,
AND REPUDIATES THE KIDNAPPING OF BILL NEIHOUS...IT SEEMS TO
ME RIDICULOUS TO SAY THAT THE CIA COULD BE INVOLVED IN
THE KIDNAPPING."

3. DEFENSE MINISTER MAJOR GENERAL FRANCISCO ELOY ALVAREZ
TORRES HAD REITERATED THAT THE VENEZUELAN ARMED FORCES ARE NOT
PARTICIPATING IN ANY WAY IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE KIDNAPPING.
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